

## HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

NEW ORDINANCE  
TO BE PRESENTED

Busy Time Ahead For Councilmen at Their Meeting Tonight.

At least three new ordinances will be presented to the council at the regular meeting to be held tonight, one of the most important being that providing for the payment of \$2,927.87 to consulting engineers who have aided the city in the fight for lower electric rates during the past year. There may be some opposition to the ordinance providing for the payment of \$209.90 on the building code which was recently passed. According to the appropriation ordinance the money is charged to the board of safety and it is understood that the safety board believes this money should come from the board of public works under whose jurisdiction the new building department will be conducted.

City Atty. Eli F. Seelbirt has drawn up an ordinance providing for the license fee for the automatic baseball games which are operated here. These games have been operating under a \$100 license fee but the proprietor appeared before the council and asked that this be reduced. The city attorney has drawn up an ordinance providing for an annual license of \$25 for the first court and \$10 for each other court, the same fee as is charged for billiard tables and bowling alleys.

But two ordinances will come before the council for final passage. The vehicle parking ordinance relative to theaters and water hydrants has been approved by the committee of the whole and will probably pass without opposition. The ordinance provides that vehicles shall not park within 37½ feet of the corner line of theater entrances nor within 15 feet of water hydrants.

There is also an ordinance providing for the appointment of appraisers to determine the sale value of certain personal property, including some engines at the waterworks. This property will be sold providing the council passes the ordinance.

LAWRENCE FINCH WILL  
ORGANIZE OWN PLAYERS

Will Star at the Oliver Theater

Next Monday Evening.

Starting next Monday evening, just following the Lyman Howe engagement at the Oliver theater, Lawrence Finch, who has been the leading man with the Oliver Stock company, will bring his own company of players to the Oliver for an indefinite run. Mr. Finch has become very popular during his stay here and is quite attached to our city and thinks we should have a permanent stock organization presenting the very latest productions at popular prices and that such a company will be appreciated by our theatergoers, so in conjunction with Mr. Schummers and Mr. Pickering of the Oliver theater, Mr. Finch has organized a company of well known players of experience.

Miss Nell Vernon has been engaged as leading woman. She is young, attractive and possessed with a charming personality. She has played stock in New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago; Oscar Briggs, the heavy man, was for two seasons with the famous Elitch's Garden Stock in Denver, and with the Davidson Stock in Milwaukee, and has played with Willie Collier and Amelia Bingham; Katherine Hathaway is a dark-eyed ingenue, who played here with Liebler and Co.'s production of "Alias Jimmy Valentine," and played in stock in Kansas City and Omaha; Raymond Poore, the character man, played at the Oliver in the road production of "The Servant in the House," and also played stock in Chicago and Pittsburgh. Some of the other members of the company are: Walter Harmon, a good-looking young juvenile, Frank Patton, Miss Chadwick and Claude Allen Lewis.

## TOWN TO INCORPORATE

Roseland Has 165 Population According to Petition.

Roseland, Ind., would incorporate according to a petition handed in to the county commissioners Monday headed by Otto E. Kintz. The village, located two miles north of South Bend on the Niles road just beyond St. Mary's, has a population of 165 inhabitants according to a census taken Dec. 4.

The petition set out that there are 31 real estate owners, 48 heads of families and 48 voters. The district which would be taken in by the incorporation is about 2,600 feet east and west and 4,500 feet north and south.

The election at which time the residents will determine whether or not they shall incorporate has been set for Tuesday, Jan. 25.

## REPORT IS NOT VERIFIED

Theft of Ten Chickens Is Investigated by Police.

A report to the effect that 10 chickens had been stolen from a house in the rear of 346 W. Tuttle, has been received at police headquarters. Notified, an officer was sent to investigate but could locate no members of the family supposed to have lost the birds.

## DEATHS

**MRS. SARAH H. EVANS WALLACE.** Mrs. Sarah H. Evans Wallace, 66 years old, died Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock, following an illness of two weeks at the Epworth hospital. She is survived by her husband, Dr. John C. Wallace, and one brother, Charles Evans of New York city.

She was born in New York Aug. 15, 1849, and came here from Michigan five months ago.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Russell chapel. Burial will be in Riverview cemetery.

**JULIA ANN LEWIS.** Julia Ann Lewis, 75 years old, died of complications at 1:30 o'clock Monday morning at the home of C. B. Hewitt, 123 N. Notre Dame av., following an illness lasting five years. She was born in Iowa on June 5, 1850 and has lived in this city for 24 years, coming here from Laporte.

The body may be viewed from Tuesday morning until the hour of the funeral, which will be held at the residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Guy H. Black officiating. Burial will be in Highland cemetery.

**WILLIAM H. PRICE.** William H. Price, 73 years old, died Friday afternoon at his home near Columbus, following an illness of four years with dropsy. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eveline Price, and four children, William S. James F., Elmer C. and John C. Price.

He was born in Columbus, O., Oct. 6, 1842, and moved to Indiana, where he settled near Mishawaka in 1854. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Co. F, 63rd Indiana volunteer infantry, serving throughout the war. He was married to Miss Eveline N. Platts on Dec. 14, 1864.

"SAP" WAS CARRIED  
AS A PROTECTION

Edward Johnson Is Found Guilty on Two Charges in City Court.

These few perilous times, and a man must go loaded for trouble, according to Edward Johnson, 118 E. Fox st., and oftentimes haled before courts of justice hereabouts, especially on the speeding count, Johnson feared and still fears ambush; that is his given reason for totting a four-inch "sap," neatly fashioned from a piece of very fine steel and made the handle for efficient use by a leather thong.

Johnson came into the station voluntarily Saturday night to find out if he was drunk. He was, and was booked, and in the searching process the "sap" came to light. Johnson also had a black eye, secured also. It is claimed, on his own initiative in a certain well known smoke-house. The "sap" was responsible there.

However, Edward and his father, who appeared with him in police court Monday morning, had a different story to tell. Edward was the victim of foul plotters and feared nothing short of annihilation. He wanted to know what to do, as did the father, and Chief Kerr's advice was sharp and to the point. "Stay sober," cautioned the chief. Johnson was arrested once in Mishawaka on a charge of speeding, and twice here. He gave his brother's name when arrested this time, but Judge Warner recognized him. Johnson was fined \$1 and costs on two counts, intoxication and carrying concealed weapons—\$22 in all, by Judge Warner, and the fine paid, he went on his way.

DON'T BELIEVE IN  
LONG ENGAGEMENTS

Couple Engaged Late Sunday Night Are Married on Monday Morning.

Michael Lambro, a stock keeper from Elkhart, and Sophie Gondick of this city do not believe in long engagements. At least this is what they told Justice J. Elmer Peak. According to their story a two-years' engagement was terminated late Sunday morning it reached the bursting point, when they became engaged. Monday morning they were married by the justice.

Michael is of Italian birth while Sophie is Polish. They left immediately for Elkhart, where they will make their home in the future. The groom was 21 and the bride 19.

## WILL ENTER BUSINESS

Clarence Sedgwick To Take Up Manufacture of Toys.

Clarence Sedgwick, county auditor, who will be succeeded by Arthur Wolfe, Jan. 1, will become associated after that time with George A. Baker, in the manufacture of toys in the city. The Otalgo Toy Co., which has temporary quarters at 118 E. Jefferson blvd., is the firm in which Mr. Sedgwick has become interested.

Plans now under foot include the incorporation of the concern and enlargement of the present equipment of the plant.

## ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Rose Hershenov, 732 Harrison av., to Maurice Hurwich, 406 S. Lafayette st.

## VISITS RELATIVES

Sarah Brown, near Lydick, left Monday morning for Chicago to visit relatives over the holidays.

Read NEWS-TIMES Want Ads

NEW RECORD SET  
BY POST OFFICE

Mail During Christmas Holidays Greatest Ever Known in South Bend.

Monday night will see the local postoffice practically rid of every Christmas package and postal card. Monday morning there were several hundred parcels and cards that remained to be delivered, but an extra force of carriers was at work getting them to their destinations and by evening it was expected that all Christmas remnants would be out of the way.

During the past week the local office has handled thousands of Christmas cards. Every one of these delivered as soon as possible. Monday there was a stack of cards six inches high which were not properly addressed. These were given direct attention during the day and most of them were out of the office by afternoon.

According to Supt. of Mails Henderson, the local office handled more mail this year than ever before. Both the incoming and outgoing mail was heavier and it was handled more efficiently than in any other year. Packages that were received for delivery in South Bend was dispatched less than a day later and all outgoing mail was sent out the same day it was received.

DEAN CLARK TO QUIT  
LOCAL WATCH CONCERN

Accepts Managership of the Savage Arms Company at Utica, N. Y.

After two years connection with the South Bend Watch Co., Dean Clark, works manager of the well known South Bend concern, has tendered his resignation to take effect Jan. 15. Mr. Clark leaves the watch company to accept the managership of the Savage Arms Co., Utica, N. Y.

The Savage company employs 600 men in the manufacture of rifles, the famous Lewis automatic machine gun and ammunition. As manager of the concern, Mr. Clark takes over a great responsibility. During his connection here the past two years, the watch company has been reorganized throughout. The introduction of modern machinery and a decided improvement in the product of the local plant, has marked Mr. Clark's stay here. He is a director of the company and chairman of the executive committee.

Joseph D. Oliver, trustee, to Osborn Ullery and wife, 121.06 acre in Greene township, \$13,500.

William M. Newman and wife to Jane Ennsperger, part of lot 7, bld. 149, Sorin's second addition, \$1.

John C. Paxson and wife to Frederick M. Barrows and wife to Henry F. Gruenger, lot 156, in Gaylor's third addition, \$300.

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## FIREMEN ENJOY SMOKE

Comes From Cigars Sent as Christmas Gifts.

Firemen at fire station No. 10 received several hundred Christmas cigars from friends and business houses. The "smokes" came from the following: Birdsell Manufacturing Co., Fabric Roll Protector Co., Colfax Manufacturing Co., Wells Manufacturing Co., John H. Pulshen, Clarence Jester, Miss Margaret Jane Duhal, Sheriff Charles Bailey, Amos Huber, William Rupe and Michael Kinschert.

## COURT NOTES

NEW CASES.

2667 Herbert E. Purucker vs. Hattie Purucker, divorce; grounds, abandonment; superior.

2670 Frank Trudinski vs. Charles V. Korpall and Lott W. Korpall, damages; superior.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

1292 James M. Sheldon vs. John H. Spindler, damages; dismissed for want of prosecution.

1522 Walerya Arendt vs. Wladyslaw Ziolkowski et al., for money received; dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

1760 William H. Blumberg Co. vs. Harry A. Lundy, et al., account; dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

16,774 Mishawaka Building & Loan association vs. Joseph C. Burggraf et al., mortgage; foreclosure; Judgment of \$1,295.15 for plaintiff.

16,815 Elmer Beattie vs. Lyle Hubbard et al., dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

Claim 508 Dr. Charles Stoltz vs. American Trust Co., administrator of John A. Jackson estate, account \$19.75; dismissed at costs of estate.

Claim 559 C. E. Lee vs. Aaron Jones, administrator of Walter S. Monson estate, account \$50.25; allowed.

Claim 663 H. H. Tallman vs. Edward Nittrouer estate, account \$41.60; dismissed at costs of estate.

RUSS POORLY EQUIPPED

Forces in Caucasians Are Said to be Demoralized.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—The Turkish military authorities report that the Russian forces in the trans-Caucasian theater of war are demoralized. The Russians are said to be poorly equipped and to be suffering from the intense cold weather while their ranks are being ravaged by cholera. Many Polish soldiers, it is said, are deserting the Russians.

WIFE WAS CRUEL,  
GIVES THE DETAILS

Bent Poker Over His Head, Says Husband in Suit For Divorce.

Harry Bykowski says that his wife, Irene, was cruel to him in his divorce complaint filed Monday in circuit court. Here is what he charges: That she cut him once with a knife, used a flat iron on his head, threw a dish cutting him on the cheek, hurled a cuspidor at him, injuring him on the hand, broke a mop stick over his back, bent a poker over his head, and shoved him against the stove, cutting his side.

Besides all those allegations he further charges that his wife would not get his meals for him, and that even though he turned all of his earnings over to her, she refused to give him enough money to provide for the necessities of life, such as shoes and clothes.

One evening, the husband alleges, he came home one night about 7:30 o'clock, found his wife gone, but a note for him, telling him to feed the baby. She did not return that evening until 9:30 o'clock, he says.

The complaint states that one child was born, now in the custody of the father. The husband asks for an absolute divorce and the custody of the four-month-old boy.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

From the Records of the Indiana Title & Loan Co.

The United States of America to Samuel McKee, land in Madison township.

William A. Wickham and wife to American Trust company, lots 5, 17 and 19 in E. B. Reynolds's sub; also part lots 177 and 156, O. P. South Bend, \$3.

Ludwika Witucki et al. to Katharyna Stachowiak, part B. O. lot 78, \$800.

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John A. Szyrart and wife to Roscoe L. Sensesch, lots 156, 157 and 158, Sensesch's second addition, \$1,500.

Charles E. Smith and wife to Roscoe L. Sensesch, 33 feet of N. end lots 89 and 99, Oak Park second addition, \$1.

Ferdinand C. Raff to Frank B. Horvath and wife, N. 1-2 29 in Stull's fourth addition, \$1.

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## Turns Home into Hospital



The Duchess d'Uzes, whose husband is a French army captain, has turned her home in the Rue de Courcelles into a hospital, as has also her sister-in-law, the Duchess de Luynes.

CHRISTMAS IN JAIL  
ENOUGH PUNISHMENT

Judge Warner Gives Seven Men Accused of Intoxication Their Freedom.

A fevered rush of after-holiday effort to catch up with business put off over the week-end marked Monday morning's session of police court before City Judge Herbert D. Warner. There was little formality until it came time for the cheer imbibers, the criminal cases going over on continuances the moment they were called.

Seven readily confessed an over indulgence in a so-called Christmas cheer upon arraignment, and seven men received suspended fines of one-and. Two of the cup artists had come from out of the city to do their Christmas shopping, but instead of filling the proverbial stocking, their purchase had taken another course. Judge Warner felt Christmas in jail enough punishment for the crew.

Continuances were taken in the cases of Frank Makowski and Roman Puta charged with the theft of pigeons, until Tuesday. Mike Milavitz, charged with provocation by Jane Muckladie, will also be tried Tuesday. Lizette Hesse, colored, held under a serious charge, will be tried Tuesday.

A plea of not guilty was entered in the case against John Janak, charged with carrying concealed weapons, and the case set for Thursday. He will be arraigned also on a charge of intoxication. A bond of \$50 was furnished. William Jackson, charged with assault and battery, will come up for trial on the last day of the year. Bonds for \$25 were furnished.

The case of Edward A. Konekewet, issuing fraudulent checks, was slated for a hearing Monday, but was continued again until Tuesday. Bonds have been placed at \$100.

BELIEVE KOENIG WAS  
REALLY MINOR ACTOR

Federal Authorities Are After Man "Higher Up" in German Plot.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—As a result of information which has reached the United States authorities they have changed their opinion of the importance of the arrest of Paul Koenig, who was believed to be the chief of the German secret service in the United States. It is believed now that Koenig was really a minor actor and that the "man higher up" is still at large.

It was intimated this afternoon that the investigation branch of the department of justice expects to make another arrest which may have an important bearing on the search for the "man higher up."

Capt. Boedl, recalled naval attaché to the German embassy, who will sail tomorrow on the liner Rotterdam for Europe said he would have a statement to make when he sails, but was silent today.

On the health side it is noted that the death rate was cut from 7.92 for 1914, to 5.72 for 1915. The death rate from disease was cut from 5.17 to 3.61.

The hospital admission rate from malaria, which is the climatic ill, was reduced 20 per cent; that for typhoid 76 per cent, for dysentery 50 per cent and for pneumonia more than 39 per cent.

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## The Finance Report.

On finances the report says: "The current expenses charged to operation and maintenance of the canal during the year amounted to \$4,112,550.48, while \$169,608.52 had been charged during the previous year, a total of \$4,282,159. Tolls collected for vessels passing through the canal during the year amounted to \$4,343,881.69; tolls for the prior year amounted to \$4,618,188, a total of \$4,358,062.37 to June 30, 1915. In addition, tolls amounting to \$8,872,79 were levied on vessels of the United States—colliers, transports, etc.—which passed through the canal, but under a recent decision of the attorney general these will not be paid.

"The excess of tolls collected over the current charges of the year were \$214,833.31, and for the entire period to June 30, 1915, the excess was \$68,843.37. It is roughly estimated that total refunds may aggregate \$400,000, which will show an excess of operating expenses over collections. Refunds cannot be made, however, until congress makes an appropriation therefor.

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SLIDES DUE TO  
RAINY WEATHER

Col. Goethals Says Canal Was Not Damaged by 14 Earthquakes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The wet season, not earthquakes, is the enemy of the Panama canal. This appears from the annual report of George W. Goethals, governor of the canal zone, covering the year ending June 30, last, and made public Sunday.

He notes that while 14 seismic disturbances rattled the dishes along the canal during the 12 months his report describes, none did any damage. Four were of comparatively local origin. Three were violent enough to be felt generally over the zone.

It was during the wet season between April and October that the slides occurred. As an illustration, operations in the vicinity of the Cucaracha slide had progressed by August 15, 1914, to a point which warranted opening the canal to traffic.

East Bank Slides In. Two months later a slide came which completely closed the channel. The entire east bank slid into the canal in a strip 2,100 feet long and reaching back 1,000 feet from the bank.

In six days a new channel had been cut capacious enough to pass shipping. The movement continued, however, after the beginning of the dry season, so that it became necessary to close the canal again from Oct. 31 to Nov. 14 and from March 3 to March 10.

Years of Labor Gone. The Cucaracha cut, after remaining fixed for a year, began a demolition last June. By the 30th of the month 5,000,000 cubic yards were slipping relentlessly into the canal, nullifying the labor of years.

At times the channel shoaled so rapidly that it was necessary to drag after the passage of each ship. In some instances the dredging was required before the next vessel could pass.

Miscellaneous dredging was kept up throughout the year. A total of 1,245,915 cubic yards of earth, and 32,686 cubic yards of rock were taken out at the Pacific terminals. The earth removed by pipe line dredges was used for filling in and reclaiming land near of Balboa in the San Miguel section of Panama City. Refuse which could not be usefully employed was dumped out at sea. A total of 542,012 cubic yards was excavated between deep water in Panama bay and the Pacific entrance during the year.

Slides Only Drawback. Were it not for the slides the zone would appear, from the governor's report, to offer ideal conditions of residence. Living is cheap and surroundings are healthful. While the falling off in tourist travel between June 30, 1913, and June 30, 1914, caused a net loss on the year's business of \$1,374,116 to the Hotel Divola and to the Hotel Aspinwall of \$1,409.89, there was no advance in food prices.

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